

Subject: Kuehl Happenings
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All aboooooard! The Expo Line Extension to Santa Monica is officially open and running!

Yesterday, we celebrated the first public ride with nearly a thousand community leaders, residents, elected and Metro officials, and many many folks who have worked tirelessly to build this great new way to get to the beach and back! Or from the westside to downtown!

I was so jazzed about the opening of the Expo Line Extension that I returned to my comic roots for [this fun 60-second video](#) that over 300,000 people have watched on Facebook and Youtube since we posted it on Wednesday!

If you haven't seen it, check it out now! See how you can hit the waves, not traffic, with Metro's newest line. A big shout out to the video's Producer Barbara Osborn and Director Matt Kresling for their phenomenal work!

Watch: [To the Beach and Back. So Kuehl!](#)



I was extremely happy on Tuesday when the Board approved the motion that Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas and I co-authored, seeking a change in state law to allow the County to place an initiative on the ballot that would tax personal incomes above \$1 million per year to fund homeless services.

Our actions reaffirmed this Board's commitment to finding the long-term funding needed to implement the County's innovative and comprehensive Homelessness Initiative.

Read More: [Investments in Fighting Homelessness Pay Off](#)

Read More: [This Week's Board Report](#)



And also on the homeless front...

Following the great success of an event last fall bringing critical services to the area's homeless population, Homeless Connect will return to Malibu on Wednesday, May 25th.

The event gives people experiencing homelessness direct access to nonprofit and government services, cutting out the red tape and problems with access and transportation they often encounter when they try to get assistance.

Help us spread the word about this important event for our homeless neighbors!

Read More: [Homeless Connect Returns to Malibu May 25th](#)



This week it was great to meet in the Valley with realtors and landlords from across the County to discuss how mutually beneficial it is to work together with the County to combat our housing crisis. The Southland Regional Association of Realtors graciously hosted.

The County is doing everything we can (see our motion above) to make more rental assistance available and to create financial incentives for landlords who participate in programs like Section 8. The program detailed ways in which the County can help find, support and stabilize tenants in ways that help landlords willing to take vouchers.

Hundreds of landlords who are already participating were there to encourage others to give it a try and help find people a home with our vouchers to help.



And finally, I'm super excited to announce that the Los Angeles Film Festival will be premiering ["Political Animals."](#) a documentary on me, Jackie Goldberg, Christine Kehoe and Carole Migden -- the first openly LGBT members of the California legislature -- and all the challenges, drama and triumphs we experienced during those years.

All four of us worked closely with Directors Jonah Markowitz and Tracy Wares over the last couple of years and I think it turned out great. I hope you'll join me on June 4th at the ArcLight in Culver City to see it!

[Tickets are going fast, so be sure to get yours today!](#)

Have a great week!



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